

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 182

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Nashville Academy of Medicine upon the occasion of its bicentennial anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute physicians in the State of Tennessee who have dedicated themselves to the health and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the first medical society in the State of Tennessee was founded 200 years ago in Nashville, on March 5, 1821, by seven physicians meeting in the log courthouse on the Public Square; and

WHEREAS, this organization later took the name Nashville Medical Society, and the first president was Dr. Felix Robertson, who was elected Mayor of Nashville in 1818 and again in 1827; the first secretary was Dr. James Roane, and the other five included Drs. Boyd McNairy, A.G. Goodlett, James Overton, John Waters, and R.A. Higginbotham; and

WHEREAS, in 1830, Dr. Felix Robertson and Dr. James Roane also helped found the Medical Society of Tennessee, which became the Tennessee Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1853, a group of doctors formed the Davidson County Medical Society in June with Dr. Wilson Yandell serving as president, and in 1893 the Nashville Medical Society and Davidson County Medical Society merged; and

WHEREAS, this organization, already rich in history and service, was chartered on September 4, 1906, by the State of Tennessee as the "Nashville Academy of Medicine & Davidson County Medical Society," the name that it still bears today; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Academy of Medicine is proud to have had forty-six members serve as president of the Tennessee Medical Association and eight members serve as president of the American Medical Association and is equally proud that the first president and several

other presidents of the National Medical Association have also been physicians from Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Academy of Medicine values and promotes diversity and continues to seek a diverse membership from many cultures and backgrounds; in 1955, Dr. Matthew Walker, Sr., Dr. E. Perry Crump, and Dr. Axel E. Hansen made history when they became the first African-American members of the Nashville Academy of Medicine, thus also making them members of the Tennessee Medical Association and American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, the Academy's goals include maintaining high standards of medical practice, professionalism, and ethical conduct and promoting the common interests and unity of physicians in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Academy of Medicine and its companion foundation, the Medical Foundation of Nashville, have coordinated nearly \$50 million dollars in medically necessary specialty care for uninsured patients through the Project Access Nashville Specialty Care program; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Academy of Medicine engages medical students, residents, practicing physicians, and retired physicians and now represents over 2,300 physicians in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, Tennesseans have been cared for by tens of thousands of physicians who have been members of this association; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Nashville Academy of Medicine and its members, both past and present, for their tireless dedication to public service, congratulate them

on the celebration of the association's bicentennial anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.